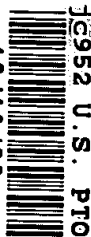


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Attorney Docket No. MI22-1550

First Inventor or Application Identifier Jason E. Tripard

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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ \* Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 44]  
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  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
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Prior application information: Examiner S. Choi

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